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HB 5537

Good Morning,

I live in Colchester Ct and I am writing to you today to express concerns about section 6 of bill HB 5537. I believe speech and language pathologists do wonderful work and help children tremendously however, I feel as though having them be able to supervise applied behavior analysis (ABA) programs is not a good idea. One particular thing that both fields go by are our code of ethics. One of the ethical codes is not practicing outside your scope of expertise. Currently, ABA is outside of speech and language pathologist scope of practice. Not all of them have formal training in behavior analysis. Without training are they really able to provide the best support/judgement to these programs or consumers of these programs? "Behavior Analysis and the scope of practice of Behavior Analysts has been defined in existing CT legislation, and this expansion of an SLP's scope of practice would negatively impact other professionals including but not limited to Board Certified Behavior Analysts and School Psychologists." Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Best—  
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